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SUBJECT: GUINEAN REACTION TO ATTEMPTED BENIN COUP

REF: (A) CONAKRY 0094, (B) CONAKRY 0083

1. PARTY WEEKLY HOROYA'S SPECIAL FOUR-PAGE BENIN COUP SUPPLEMENT APPEARED JANUARY 19 TREATING COTONOU EVENTS IN GRISLY AND INFLAMMATORY FASHION, WITH PHOTOS OF ALLEGED WHITE AND BLACK CAPTURED MERCENARIES PLUS ARMS AND CORPSES OF ATTACKERS (COPIES BEING POUCHED AF/W JANUARY 20).

2. EDITION ALLEGES "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM" WAS BEHIND COUP BUT BLAMES NO SPECIFIC COUNTRY. NATIONALITY OF WHITE MERCENARIES "NOT YET KNOWN" BUT BLACK CAPTIVES SAID TO HAIL FROM BENIN, SENEGAL, ZAIRE, NIGERIA, AND GUINEA. GUINEAN ALLEGED TO HAVE ADMITTED BEING RECRUITED AND TRAINED IN SENEGAL AND TRANSPORTED TO BENIN VIA AN "UNKNOWN COUNTRY" PHOTO CAPTIONS INCLUDE SUCH PHRASES AS "WHITE HORDE" AND "WILD BEASTS". CHRONOLOGY
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OF JANUARY 16 EVENTS CLAIMS WHITE UNMARKED DC-8 LANDED AT 0645, DEBARKED MERCENARIES WHO AFTER ENTERING MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TRIED TO TAKE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BUT WERE REPULSED. DC-8 TOOK OFF LOW AFTER EMBARKING PART OF FORCE; OTHERS FLED. EDITION PRINTS "SOLIDARITY" MESSAGES FROM KEREKOU AND BOUMEDIENNE.

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3. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF CLOSE INVOLVEMENT OF SEKOU TOURE REGIME WITH BENIN EVENTS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO CONAKRY SIGNIFICANT REPORTS FROM COTONOU OR ELSEWHERE ON WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, ESPECIALLY MATERIAL RELEVANT TO GOG ALLEGATIONS ABOUT "WHITE MERCENARIES" AND THE "WHITE DC-8".
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